



# *The Surf Pines Breeze*

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*The Association Newsletter for All Members*

## **YOUR 1994-1995 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President:	Linda Thompson	2370 Manion Drive	738-5365
V. President:	Norma Keever	2006 Ocean Drive	738-5069
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Gates & Security:	Gene Keever	2006 Ocean Drive	738-5069
Hospitality:	Mary Jane Currier	2281 Lucas Drive	738-4381
Park:	John Orr	2334 Manion Drive	738-0944

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular board meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Keevers' home. In October, however, the meeting will be held on the 13th. Meetings are open to any members wishing to attend. Please be sure to contact someone on the board in advance, if you wish to attend, to be certain of the time and place of the meeting.

## **ANNUAL MEETING REPORT**

Forty-eight people (including board members) turned out for the annual membership meeting on September 24 at the Astoria Country Club. They represented 42 membership votes out of a potential 266, or just under 16 percent. Seventy-six valid votes were cast either in person or by proxy; this participation (about 28.5%) is considerably under the national average turnout for elections!

In addition to approving the minutes of the 1993 annual meeting and the proposed budget for this year, members approved all the changes to the bylaws and elected Linda Thompson and John Orr to the board for three-year terms.

Bob Knutsen, retiring president, summarized the board's work and emphasized the achievement of the left-turn lane off Highway 101 at the south entrance. The lane has been in operation for about a month. Bob also outlined some of the projects for the coming year, including development of plans for a park.

When the business of the meeting was finished, President Knutsen introduced Richard Schroeder, who presented plans for his development of property between the south boundary of Surf Pines and Del Rey Beach Road. The site covers some 135 acres and he proposes to subdivide it into about 65 homesites. Mr. Schroeder's purpose in acquainting members with his plans is to claim a right to use Ocean Drive as a second access to the development and to suggest that Surf Pines consider extending its southern boundary to include the new development. After some discussion of the implications of this claim and of its possible impact on Surf Pines, Mr. Schroeder ended his presentation. During the discussion the board was advised to seek a legal opinion on the validity of Mr. Schroeder's claim. This advice is being pursued.



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## **SURF PINES HANDBOOKS AND DIRECTORIES**

Copies of the new Surf Pines Handbooks and Directory were available to all members at the annual meeting and are being distributed to those who could not attend. The directories list those members with homes in Surf Pines who wish to be listed and are for the private use of residents only. The association wants every member to have a copy of the handbook, which provides in a convenient form all the information you should have about Surf Pines, whether you own a home or undeveloped property, whether you live here year-around or seldom visit your property. If you've received your copy, please replace page 3 with the updated board list enclosed. If you leave or sell your property, please leave the handbook for the next owner.

In case you cannot get to Surf Pines to claim your copy, you can use the order form enclosed with your quarterly bill to order one; just return it with \$3 to cover postage. (There is no charge for the handbook itself.)

Once in possession of your handbook, do read it. In the appendix you will find extracts from some of the county ordinances that govern us and that provide the basis for many of the rules and procedures we follow. If you do not find something you're looking for, please let us know.

## **DOGS**

Control of dogs is the owner's responsibility. Board members have lately heard complaints about dogs creating a nuisance. In one or two cases, the animals seem to have belonged to contractors working in Surf Pines. If you are having work done on

your property, please ask your contractor whether he brings a dog with him to the job. If so, remind him that the animal must be kept in close control at all times. Remember, too, that animals that create a nuisance can be reported to the sheriff. Before calling the authorities, though, try to solve the problem with the owner.

## **BILLS**

Billings for last quarter's assessments, that is, July through September, have gone out. Payment is due on receipt. Some 30 members are currently in arrears, having failed to pay one or more previous quarters. Please do not neglect to pay promptly all charges you owe Surf Pines.

## **GATE POLICY**

In the interest of security and at the request of many members, the board has adopted a policy against leaving the gates open for parties, garage sales or open houses. If you need a special code for such a function, **be certain to ask Ken or Gene Keever at least a week in advance.** A number will be issued for you to publish, which will be valid for that day only. Please do not request a special code at the last minute or ask that the gates be left open.

When you find the gates up, either necessary repair is the cause or high winds make it dangerous to leave them in operation.

## **AUTUMN PARTY**

Mary Jane Currier and the hospitality committee have plans for a holiday party during the first week of December. Watch Ken's bulletin board during the last week of November for announcement of exact date, time, place, and what you can contribute.

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## USE OF PROPERTY BY NON-OWNERS

Incidents of misuse of property by renters or visitors have recently occurred and we call your attention to the risks of lending your home to people who do not know Surf Pines' regulations. People have been seen driving back and forth to the beach over the dunes. An effort was made at one home to plow up beach grass to lower the dune, evidently to create a better view. These violations of state law are punishable by fines. It is in all our interest to protect the dunes and to support enforcement of the law. We remind you that owners are responsible for what happens on their property if they have rented or lent it to others.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The board could use more help on some of the standing committees. If you have some time to spare and an interest in any of these areas, please get in touch with a board member to let us know.

Beautification. We hope to continue with cleaning up Surf Pines common land this year, taking out dead and broken trees and replanting where needed, especially along Surf Pines Road. Some areas might even be planted with bulbs and flowers. If you have green thumbs or access to plants and trees, please lend a hand.

History. We hope to compile a history of Surf Pines and need help to start a scrapbook of clippings relating to events here. Anyone who likes local history could have a lot of fun with this project. Any takers?

Procedures Manual. The board wants to create a record of its own procedures as an aid to future boards in handling Surf Pines' business. We would appreciate some help from former members of the board or anyone in the community who has some suggestions to contribute.

## WARNING TO DRIVERS

Despite our repeated requests and cautions, drivers continue to speed through Surf Pines at alarming rates. Many of us have had narrow escapes and we know it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs. The board will soon install a new kind of speed bump on a trial basis at the south gate in an effort to drive home the message to habitual speeders.

**BE FOREWARNED.** Driving more than 10 miles an hour over this bump will cause a severe jolt. It should help speeders remember to SLOW DOWN.



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